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Appellants contend that the district court erred in declaring that the automatic deficit reduction process established by the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act

of 1985, Pub. L. No. 99-177, is unconstitutional on the ground that it vests executive power in the Comptroller General, an officer removable by Congress under 31 U.S.C. 703(e). In our view, the district court's conclusion that the Act is unconstitutional in this respect is correct. Nonetheless, we believe that the question is substantial and that plenary review by this Court is warranted.

It is therefore respectfully submitted that probable jurisdiction should be noted.

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